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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

Addendum

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-eighth session, recommended the following draft decision for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its first session:

Draft decision -/CMA.1

Ways of enhancing the implementation of education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information so as to enhance actions under the Paris Agreement

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement,

Recalling Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, which provides that Parties shall cooperate in taking measures, as appropriate, to enhance climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information,

Reaffirming the importance of all elements of Article 6 of the Convention and of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement for the implementation of the ultimate objective of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, respectively,

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Recognizing the key role that Action for Climate Empowerment can play at all stages and levels of the implementation of the Paris Agreement,

Recalling decision 15/CP.18, which established the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention and defined key areas of work and activities for the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 17/CP.22, in which it was decided that efforts related to the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention shall be referred to as Action for Climate Empowerment,

Recognizing that Action for Climate Empowerment plays a key role in promoting changes in lifestyles, attitudes and behaviours needed to foster low-emission, climate-resilient and sustainable development,

Reaffirming the key role that a broad range of stakeholders, inter alia, national governments, regions as applicable, cities, education and cultural institutions, museums, the private sector, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, international organizations, decision makers, scientists, the media, teachers, youth, women and indigenous peoples, play in ensuring Action for Climate Empowerment,

Acknowledging the importance of linkages between activities taken to support Article 6 of the Convention, Article 12 of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals,

1. *Decides* that efforts related to the implementation of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement will also be referred to as Action for Climate Empowerment;

2. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties, when reviewing the Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention in accordance with decision 15/CP.18, to also include efforts related to the implementation of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement;

3. *Decides* that the focal points nominated under Article 6 of the Convention will also serve as focal points under Article 12 of the Paris Agreement and will be referred to as Action for Climate Empowerment focal points in the context of the Paris Agreement as well;

4. *Encourages* Parties that have not already designated an Action for Climate Empowerment focal point to do so and to provide the necessary institutional support for the focal point's activities, as appropriate;

5. *Also encourages* Parties to continue to promote the systematic integration of gender-sensitive and participatory education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and regional and international cooperation into all mitigation and adaptation activities implemented under the Convention, as well as under the Paris Agreement, as appropriate, including into the processes of designing and implementing their nationally determined contributions, national adaptation plans, long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies and climate policies;

6. *Invites* Parties to develop and implement national strategies on Action for Climate Empowerment in relation to Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, taking into account their national circumstances;

7. *Also invites* Parties and non-Party stakeholders to consider relevant activities that enhance Action for Climate Empowerment, as referred to in the reports on the Action for Climate Empowerment workshop[1] held at the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation and the Action for Climate Empowerment youth forum,[2] when developing and implementing Action for Climate Empowerment, taking into consideration national circumstances;

8. *Encourages* Parties to include, as appropriate, information on how education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and regional

[1] See https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Action%20for%20Climate%20Empowerment%20Workshop%20outcomes.pdf

[2] See https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/180505_Outcomes%20AYF%20-%20Final.pdf

and international cooperation are considered in the preparation and implementation of the actions under the Paris Agreement;

9. *Considers* that Parties and stakeholders may, as appropriate, take into account actions to enhance climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and regional and international cooperation in the context of Article 14 of the Paris Agreement;

10. *Encourages* Parties to foster public participation and collaborate with, inter alia, regional as applicable and local authorities, the scientific community, universities, the private sector, civil society organizations and youth to scale up the implementation of Action for Climate Empowerment;

11. *Invites* Parties, multilateral and bilateral institutions, private sector and other potential sources to support activities related to the implementation of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement;

12. *Requests* the secretariat:

(a) To continue organizing, in collaboration with Parties and international organizations, training, workshops, webinars and other activities to exchange good practices and to build and strengthen existing skills and the capacity of the Action for Climate Empowerment national focal points and stakeholders;

(b) To organize the 7th Dialogue on Action for Climate Empowerment in 2019 to advance the discussions on the final review of the Doha work programme and ways of enhancing the implementation of education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information, and international and regional cooperation so as to also enhance actions under Article 12 of the Paris Agreement;

(c) To continue organizing awareness-raising campaigns and training activities to empower children and youth to support and lead climate action;

(d) To continue collaborating with Parties, non-Party stakeholders and regional and international organizations with a view to catalysing the implementation of Article 12 of the Paris Agreement;

13. *Takes note* of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 12 above;

14. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.